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Docket No. 137991
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Paul Joseph O'Dea and Hemen Oza

Serial No.: 10/722,267

Filed: November 25, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANAGING ULTRASOUND
EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Art Unit:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. We enclose the following documents:

- Preliminary Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs)
- Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs)
- Annotated drawing sheets (1 page)
- Replacement drawing sheets (1 page)
- Return postcard

STATUS

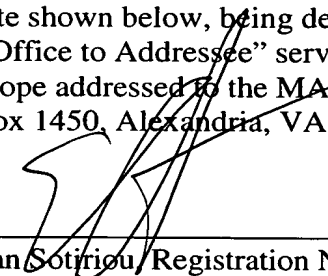
2. Applicant

_____ claims small entity status.
☒ is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to the MAIL STOP Non Fee Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Express Mail No. EL 977933493 US.

Date: March 12, 2004



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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
_____ third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
_____ fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

- (b) ✓ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$140 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ✓ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) _____ Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

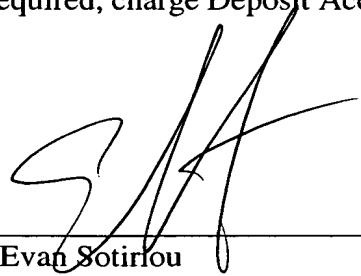
5. _____ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____
- _____ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$_____.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ✓ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- ✓ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. _____ Other:



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Applicants hereby request entry of the following Amendment prior to examination of
the above-referenced application.